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SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND GOVERNMENT

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1. FOLLOWING UP ON SUAREZ' INITIAL MEETING WITH THE
EMPLOYERS THREE WEEKS AGO (MADRID 5855), HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS
(INCLUDING CHAIRMAN JOSE ALVAREZ RENDUELES, SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, AND THE UNDERSECRETARIES
OF LABOR, COMMERCE AND ECONOMY) ON AUGUST 24 HELD A
SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEWLY-
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ORGANIZED CEOE (SPANISH CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYER ORGANI-
ZATIONS). A SEPARATE MEETING WITH THE TRADE UNIONS HAD
TAKEN PLACE THE DAY BEFORE (REFTEL).

2. DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE GOVT'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY
PROGRAM, THE CEOE - ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS - CALLED
FOR THE FOLLOWING: A) MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO

PLANT WORK FORCES, B) CONTROL OF SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES, C) TAX HOLIDAY AND REDUCED OR ELIMINATED BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SECURITY, D) REDUCTION OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURES, E) INCREASE OF PRODUCTIVITY, F) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND G) MODERATION IN WAGE INCREASES. THE EMPLOYERS ALSO RAISED THE THEME OF LIBERALIZATION OF BANKING PRACTICES, SUPPORTING THE LATTER. FINALLY, THE CEOE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED CERTAIN MISGIVINGS REGARDING THE FUTURE BEHAVIOUR OF THE TRADE UNIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONCEDING THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE "OPENNESS OF INFORMATION" IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

3. COMMENTING TO LABATT ON AUGUST 25, A CEOE OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT THE PRESS HAD ACCURATELY REPORTED THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYERS. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE CEOE WOULD BE HAVING A FURTHER BILATERAL CONTACT WITH THE GOVT EARLY NEXT WEEK, WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST FULL-FLEDGED TRIPARTITE GET-TOGETHER (GOVT, LABOR AND MANAGEMENT) AS INITIALLY ENVISAGED BY PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ. STABLER

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